

resolution to thank the Braceros for their contributions to the war effort.

As the Representative of California's Central Coast, I have the distinct honor of representing the Salad Bowl of the Country, the Salinas Valley, known world wide for its lettuce and strawberry fields.

The agriculture industry in the Salinas Valley was memorialized in John Steinbeck's novel, "Grapes of Wrath." I am proud to state that the Bracero workforce contributed significantly to the economic development of the Salinas Valley and the surrounding region.

Their hard labor then became the foundation for a thriving \$2 billion fresh produce industry today.

At the onset of WWII, many Americans left their civilian jobs to join the war effort. This left labor shortages in many sectors of the national economy, particularly in agriculture and transportation. The U.S. government looked to Mexico as a ready source to fill these labor needs.

For the first time in our relationship with Mexico, the U.S. need for cooperation gave the Mexican government unprecedented bargaining power. The Mexican government insisted on a bilateral treaty to govern any large scale recruitment and movement of Mexican workers to the U.S.

In 1942, a treaty between the two governments was signed that allowed for the recruitment and employment of agricultural workers and contemplated that further agreements might be negotiated for recruitment of workers in other industries. The agreement regarding railroad workers followed shortly thereafter. This program became known as The Bracero Program.

These agreements covered a number of topics regarding recruitment, transport, salary and other terms and conditions of employment. The treaty contained a requirement that 10% of the salary of each worker was to be deducted by his employer and transmitted to the U.S. government for transfer to banks in Mexico. This 10% deduction was to be used for creation of a savings fund that the bracero could claim upon his return to Mexico. The savings fund for agricultural workers was to be held by Banco de Credito Rural; for railroad workers, by Banco del Ahorro Nacional. Both banks were wholly owned by the Mexican government, and the transfers were to occur through the Banco de Mexico, the equivalent of our Federal Reserve Bank.

According to documents from that era, an estimated \$35 million was transferred through these various deduction programs between 1942 and 1949. In 1949, the two governments dropped the 10% savings withholding and made several other reforms to the program. The Bracero program continued until 1964, but without the wage withholding provision.

Due to a series of problems, including maladministration of the program, delays in the sending of funds from the U.S. to Mexico, the lack of adequate information regarding how to retrieve funds, worker illiteracy, and the difficulty for workers residing in isolated rural areas in Mexico to access funds held in banks headquartered in Mexico City, a significant percentage of this money was never retrieved by the workers for whose benefit it was supposedly being held. The facts regarding the deduction and transmission of these funds have only recently come to light as a result of investigations of the savings fund program un-

dertaken by bracero advocates in recent years. Most of these workers appear to have been unaware of the savings funds supposedly held on their behalf until recent publicity regarding this program and the filing of the lawsuit.

In consequence, many Mexican workers—some of whom made a significant contribution to the effort of democratic governments to defeat fascism in Europe and Asia, never received the full salary to which they were entitled for their work. These men are now in their 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Many of them are in ill health. Due to the economic crises that have plagued Mexico for the last several decades, many are poor, and without any source of income to provide even the barest of necessities.

While this resolution is a good first step, it is only that, a first step. What this body really needs to do is pass H.R. 4918, the Bracero Justice Act of 2002. That bill will provide standing to the Braceros to take their case to court, statute of limitations notwithstanding. The responsible parties in this matter have made it clear that they intend to hide behind legal technicalities to prevent these Mexican workers and their families from recouping what they lost. H.R. 4918 would ensure that the workers receive these long overdue funds.

So I ask my colleagues today to pass H. Res. 522, but also to bring true justice to the Braceros and pass H.R. 4918 as well.

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 522, honoring braceros. During World War II, working people across the country left their jobs to fight the war in Europe and the Pacific. Under an agreement between Mexico and the United States, thousands of Mexicans, known as braceros, left their homelands and came to the United States to help fill the labor shortage.

The braceros performed labor-intensive work, toiling in the fields and building railroads. Their work kept the U.S. strong during a time of tremendous need and helped the Allies win World War II. Today, on International Bracero Day, we honor these hard-working men and pay them the respect they deserve.

Unfortunately, the braceros' struggle for full recognition of their work continues. The agreement between the U.S. and Mexican governments called for 10 percent of their wages to be deducted, with the promise that the money would be refunded when the workers returned to Mexico. Sixty years later, that promise has yet to be kept. Thousands have never received these wages.

I commend California Governor Gray Davis who recognized this struggle by signing into law yesterday a measure to help former braceros recover millions of dollars in lost wages by extending the applicable California statute of limitations.

The braceros worked hard and played by the rules established by the U.S. and Mexican governments. Some eventually served in the military defending our nation and became United States citizens. In return for their hard work, the braceros simply asked to be treated fairly and honorably. It is time that we honor our commitment to the braceros and their families. I am glad that the House is taking a step in that direction today.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the mo-

tion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 522.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### HONORING CAEL SANDERSON FOR HIS PERFECT COLLEGIATE WRESTLING RECORD

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 399) honoring Cael Sanderson for his perfect collegiate wrestling record, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 399

Whereas Cael Sanderson, continuing the storied tradition of Iowa State University wrestling, achieved a perfect collegiate wrestling record of 159 wins and no losses and is the first person ever to finish undefeated in collegiate wrestling;

Whereas Cael Sanderson is a four-time national wrestling champion, a four time National Collegiate Athletic Association championship outstanding wrestler, and a three time winner of the Dan Hodge Trophy;

Whereas the April 1, 2002, issue of Sports Illustrated ranked Cael Sanderson's perfect wrestling record second in a list of the top ten "most impressive college sports feats ever";

Whereas Cael Sanderson is a two-time Academic All-American, a champion in the classroom as well as on the mat;

Whereas Cael Sanderson's achievements have set a new benchmark for excellence in the sport of wrestling and will forever have an impact on college wrestling; and

Whereas through his persistence, hard work, and dedication, Cael Sanderson has set an example for all: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates Cael Sanderson for finishing his career as the first ever undefeated collegiate wrestler;

(2) recognizes the contributions of Cael Sanderson's parents, Stephen and Debbie Sanderson, his coach, Robert "Bobby" Douglas, the support staff of Iowa State University, and Cyclone fans;

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Cael Sanderson;

(B) Coach Robert "Bobby" Douglas of Iowa State University; and

(C) Cael Sanderson's parents, Stephen and Debbie Sanderson.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISAKSON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 399.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. ISAKSON. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from the State of Iowa (Mr. LATHAM).

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia for yielding time to me.

Madam Speaker, I include for the RECORD a resolution from the Iowa State University Government of the Student Body.

The document referred to is as follows:

Iowa State University,  
Government of the Student Body

SENATE RESOLUTION 2001-3-060SR THE  
GREATEST EVER

Whereas, Cael Sanderson, an Art and Design major, has recently completed his four seasons as a collegiate athlete, and

Whereas, Mr. Sanderson has won more matches than any other wrestler in collegiate history, and

Whereas, Mr. Sanderson is the first wrestler ever to win the Dan Hodge Trophy three (3) years in a row and the first three-time winner of this honor, and

Whereas, Mr. Sanderson has won the national championship each of the four years he has competed, and

Whereas, Mr. Sanderson was the first college wrestler to ever win the NCAA Tournament's Outstanding Wrestler award four times, and

Whereas, Mr. Sanderson has finished his collegiate career with a 159-0 record, and

Whereas, Mr. Sanderson has brought new spectators to his sport in droves, and

Whereas, Mr. Sanderson is not only a great wrestler, but also a humble contributor to the Iowa State Community, be it therefore

Resolved, That the Government of the Student Body recognizes Cael Sanderson as a legendary campus figure whose athletic achievements are unparalleled not only at Iowa State, but unparalleled throughout collegiate history, and be it further

Resolved, That the achievements of Cael Sanderson have made the students of Iowa State University very proud, and be it further

Resolved, The students of Iowa State University wish to commemorate Cael Sanderson and his accomplishments on our campus, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this legislation be sent to Cael Sanderson, President Gregory Geoffroy, Board of Regents, State of Iowa, Vice President Warren Madden, Vice President for Student Affairs Thomas Hill, Athletic Director Bruce Van De Veldt, The ISU Foundation, ISU Alumni Association, ESPN, Sports Illustrated, and all other appropriate print and broadcast media.

Madam Speaker, this is a great day to be an Iowa State fan. It is a great day to be from the State of Iowa to show honor and recognition for a tremendous young man, a tremendous athlete who did an astounding thing through his collegiate career at Iowa State. Cael Sanderson is that young man.

We just had the honor to be with the President, Cael, myself, and the Speaker, down in the Oval Office, and the chance to visit with the President. Cael, all the honors bestowed on him are very, very much deserved. I congratulate him, as the entire House will, with this resolution.

Cael is now married to Kelly. His parents, Steve and Debbie, had four sons,

Cody, Cole, Cyler, and Cael. Apparently they wrestled a lot in the house. They are still trying to fix a few walls around there from all the wrestling going on.

Cael Sanderson is truly the pride of Iowa State; and not only really Iowa State, but the entire State. With the history we have, the tradition of wrestling in the State of Iowa, he is someone that we hold in extraordinary high esteem. Not since Dan Gable back in my days at Iowa State has there been anything close to what Cael has accomplished. I would like to really personally thank him. I have a new bobblehead doll of Cael Sanderson which will be my number one prize possession now.

Just to bring part of the record forward for Cael, he had a perfect collegiate record, which had never been achieved before: 159 wins, no losses. He was four-time NCAA national champion; he was four-time NCAA outstanding wrestler; and three times a winner of the Dan Hodge Trophy, which is the highest acknowledgment that you can have as a college wrestler.

I would say, Madam Speaker, that Cael Sanderson is much more. He is a tremendous young man. He was a two-time All-American academic winner at Iowa State. He is truly an inspiration and an example for all young people today. The way Cael conducts himself makes us all very, very proud. He is the type of young man that we would like all of our young people to emulate.

We hear so many times about the problems we have today with our youth, and some troubles they get into; but someone like Cael Sanderson is an individual that these young people can look up to as an example of someone with his leadership that they can follow and really get themselves on the right path in life.

Just on behalf of the Iowa delegation, all Iowans and, I think, all Americans, we want to congratulate Cael Sanderson and thank him for his tremendous achievements, and wish him and his wife Kelly the best of luck. Cael is going to be in the Olympics in 2004 and is working very hard towards that goal.

We wish him the best of luck, and we thank especially his family for all their tremendous support; and the family at Iowa State, Coach Bobby Douglas and everyone, especially the fans at Iowa State, for the tremendous support they have given to Cael, and wrestling in general at Iowa State.

Madam Speaker, again, congratulations and thanks to Cael Sanderson.

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, those of us who have followed wrestling and have followed Iowa State, if you were just named one of the outstanding wrestlers at Iowa State, you would think you had had a very successful career. But

to achieve this feat of 159 matches without a loss, for those of you who are better at mathematics than I am, you can figure out the probabilities of that happening. I once read the mathematics of Joe DiMaggio's 56 straight games and that streak and what it meant and what the probabilities were for happening. But this is an incredible feat. And I note here that "Sports Illustrated" said this is a most impressive college feat of all time, and they rated this the second. The first-place winner was Jessie Owens, who set four world records in 1935, which puts Cael Sanderson ahead of Barry Sanders, Jim Brown, Oscar Robinson and so many others that we are familiar with this string. And he is certainly due the congratulations and the honor of this resolution of this House.

Madam Speaker, I would urge all Members to support this resolution and extend to him our congratulations. I thank the committee for bringing this resolution to the floor.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISAKSON. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER), the chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) for yielding me time and congratulate the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LATHAM) for bringing this resolution to the floor today.

This really is quite an accomplishment that Cael Sanderson has contributed; 159 wins, no losses in a 4-year college career is really unheard of. I think his contributions as a two-time academic all-American also speak loudly to his dedication not only to his sport but to his academic studies. So Cael is a shining example of what someone can do with determination, commitment and a sense of excellence. And I am happy to rise today in support of the Latham resolution.

Mr. ISAKSON. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. GANSKE).

Mr. GANSKE. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to join in recognizing one of the greatest athletes in American history, a wrestler who went through college undefeated. I saw another great wrestler, Dan Gable, in his last match in college. Dan was undefeated in high school and college, but fell short in his final match. He used that defeat as motivation and then won the Olympics without a point being scored on him. Big shoes to fill.

But Cael Sanderson of the same Iowa State Cyclones as Dan Gable wrestled for has now surpassed Dan's achievements at the college level. The pressure on him was immense. The way he wrestled his last NCAA tournament is a testament to his greatest. He wrestled aggressively but intelligently. He never coasted on a lead. His athletic prowess is awesome. But it is his soft

spoken humility, his grace under pressure, his good sportsmanship, his example as a role model for younger kids that make him special to Iowans.

He is the Cyclone version of Nile Kinnick, and whether we are Hawkeyes or Cyclones or UNI Panthers, we are proud of him. And we all hope that he too wins the Olympics. But if Cael Sanderson never stepped on a mat again, we would still have to say, thanks for the great memories.

Mr. ISAKSON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I acknowledge that the Speaker of this House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT), is a famous wrestler and wrestling coach of great renown; and I am confident, were he not busy working on the business of the American people, he would be here on this floor to commend not only Cael but also to commend his parents, his coach and his supporters.

In a time of desperate need in America for role models for our young people, it is only appropriate that this House acknowledge a young man who has distinguished himself by achieving a record never before accomplished at a time while still maintaining an average to become an Academic All American 2 years in a row.

I join my other colleagues who have spoken in commending Cael Sanderson for his achievement and his contribution and his role model life that he leads in the State of Iowa.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 399. This resolution congratulates Cael Sanderson for finishing his career as the first ever undefeated collegiate wrestler. This resolution provides much deserved recognition to Mr. Sanderson's parents, Steven and Debbie Sanderson as well as his Iowa State University coach, Robert Douglas.

Our distinguished Speaker of the House, himself, was once a wrestling coach on the high school level, and I am sure would want to extend his congratulations to this accomplished young man, as well.

Mr. Sanderson has completed his college career with a perfect record of 159 wins and no losses and is the first undefeated four-time Division I college-wrestling champion. Mr. Sanderson has quite an outstanding record of achievement, including being a four-time NCAA champion, a four-time NCAA outstanding wrestler, a three-time Hodge award winner and a two-time Academic All American. This young man has a great deal to be proud of and I am happy to join my colleague, Representative LATHAM, in honoring him and all he has accomplished.

I want to thank my colleague from Iowa for introducing this resolution and extend my congratulations to Mr. Sanderson, his family, his coach and Iowa State University.

I ask all my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. HASTERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of Cael Sanderson, who this year became the first in his sport to finish undefeated over the course of four seasons and only the second NCAA Division I wrestler in history to win four NCAA Championships.

Growing up in Utah, Cael Sanderson was one of four wrestling brothers, who over the

years combined for 11 Utah prep crowns. During this prep years, Cael was coached by his father at Wasatch High, where he was a four-time State Champ. After high school, Cael decided to follow in his older brothers' footsteps by attending Iowa State University where he would leave his mark on the sport of wrestling, which I believe is safe to say will never be forgotten.

After 4 years at Iowa State University, Cael broke virtually every record and received every award he could garner. As I previously mentioned, Cael is a four-time national wrestling champion and finished his career with an overall record of 159-0. Moreover, he is also a four-time national Collegiate Athletic Championship Outstanding Wrestler, a three-time recipient of the Dan Hodge Trophy, given to the sport's most outstanding collegiate wrestler and was recently named the 2001-2002 Big 12 Conference Male Athlete of the Year.

In addition to taking care of business on the mat, Cael Sanderson also excelled in the classroom as he has twice been named an Academic All-American. Graduating in December 2001 with a Bachelor's degree in art and design, Cael showed patience, hardwork and dedication as he was able to balance the popularity that comes with being a collegiate star, as well as the long hours needed to accommodate a full academic schedule.

Finally, Cael Sanderson has been a model member of the community and has had a positive impact on all those around him. Besides offering his time to a number of community services, Cael also makes frequent visits to elementary schools and Boys and Girls Clubs in the Ames area, and spends his summers as a wrestling spokesman traveling across the nation to various wrestling camps, generating interest in the sport.

As a teacher and former wrestling coach, I commend Cael Sanderson on his many accomplishments on and off the mat. I think all of us in this body can appreciate the time and effort he has put into the sport so many of us love. Cael is a champion in the true sense of the word, as well as an inspiration and role model, not just to wrestling fans, but to everyone chasing a goal of a dream.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 399, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING PERSONAL SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 484) expressing the sense of the Congress regarding personal safety for children, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 484

Whereas 840,279 individuals were reported missing in 2001, and 85 to 90 percent of these missing persons were children;

Whereas approximately 58,200 children were abducted by nonfamily members in 1999, often in connection with another crime;

Whereas 115 of all nonfamily abductions (those perpetrated by strangers) resulted in the child being kept overnight, held for ransom, or killed;

Whereas over 50 percent of the children kidnapped in nonfamily abductions were taken away from the street in a vehicle or from a park or wooded area;

Whereas a central element of the congressionally-mandated mission of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is the prevention of child victimization;

Whereas the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, with the help of parents, local communities, and law enforcement, has assisted in the recovery of approximately 67,000 children;

Whereas the Departments of Justice, Health and Human Services, and Education recently developed a booklet, entitled "Personal Safety for Children", which offers easy-to-read tips for parents to discuss safety and protection measures with their children;

Whereas parents and educators need to teach children about safety measures they can use to protect themselves against abduction and exploitation and to encourage them to be smart, strong, and safe; and

Whereas President George W. Bush plans to convene the first-ever White House Conference on Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children with policymakers, experts, community leaders, teachers, and law enforcement to discuss how to prevent the victimization of children: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That—*

(1) it is the sense of the Congress that—

(A) Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and communities should work together to prevent the victimization of children; and

(B) communities, schools, and parents should learn more about the steps that may be taken to safeguard children and teach children the skills they need to be safe; and

(2) the Congress recognizes the booklet, "Personal Safety for Children", as one of the tools available to help parents and teachers talk with children about personal safety.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Con. Res. 484.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Delaware?

There was no objection.

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 484, a resolution which recognizes the importance of personal safety for children.

Last summer, child abductions dominated the news. Five-year-old Samantha Runnion was taken from the driveway in front of her home in Stanton, California. Six-year-old Cassandra